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DEPT ALSO PASS PEACE CORPS AND ACTION FOR MS. KING

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EAID BG

SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS NEGOTIATIONS

REF: DACCA 3198

- 1. NBR HAS AGREED TO EXTEND WORKING OF PARAGRAPH 5(C) OF REVISED DRAFT AGREEMENT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, ETC., WILL HAVE INITIAL ENTRY DUTY FREE PRIVILEGES. THIS WAS CONVEYED TO EMBASSY ORALLY AND CONFIRMED BY LETTER FROM MAJID, JUNE 1.
- 2. CHANGE WOULD ADD FOLLOWING WORDS AT END OF PARAGRAPH 5(C); QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH WILL ALSO ALLOW PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEER LEADERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES PRIVATE ORGANIZATONS ON FIRST ARRIVAL IN BANGLADESH THE PRIVILEGE OF THE ENTITLEMENT TO IMPORT, FREE OF CUSTOMS DUTIES, ARTICLES FORMING PART OF THEIR PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. UNQUOTE
- 3. WE BELIEVE THIS TIES UP ALL LOOSE ENDS AND THAT AGREEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE FORS SIGNING (ALTHOUGH IT HAS BECOME MORE CUMBERSOM THAN ORIGINAL DRAFT). REQUEST THAT PEACE CORPS AND DEPARTMENT GIVE US THEIR CONCURRENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. MAJID TOLD POLCOUNSELOR THAT BDG WAS CABLING AMBASSADOR SIDDIQUI AND ASKING HIM TO CONTACT MS. KING TO ASCERTAIN IF AGREEMENT IS NOW IN ACCEPTABLE FORM AND, IF SO, TO MAKE ARRAGNEMENTS FOR TIS SIGNING IN WASHINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE US OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SIDDIQUI.

5. MAJID ALSO SAID THAT HIS MINISTRY WAS NOW COUNTING ON 20 PCV'S AND THAT OTHER AGENCIES OF THE BDG HAD AGREED TO THIS MINIMUM AND OPTIMUM NUMBER. SCHNEIDER

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